

AKORN INC
Form 4
April 24, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHITNELL JEFFREY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE

(Street)

BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AKORN INC [AKN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/20/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/20/2006		A	100,000	A <u>(2)</u> 115,408	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.05	04/20/2006		A	167,000	(3) 04/20/2011	Common Stock 167,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WHITNELL JEFFREY A 2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Jeffrey A
Whitnell 04/24/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Issued in the form of a Restricted Stock Award on April 20, 2006. 50% of the award (50,000 shares) to vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the two-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant.
- (1) of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the two-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (2) There was no consideration given in exchange for the security.
 - (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 20, 2006.

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